



Lake County Sheriff's Office

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2013 ANNUAL REPORT

2013 Patrol Division Annual Report

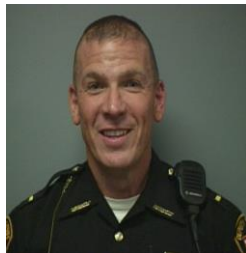
Operations Captain Carl Dondorfer



The Lake County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division provides law enforcement services to the unincorporated areas of Lake County. These areas are Concord Township, Leroy Township, Painesville Township and Perry Township. Patrol Commander, Operations Capt. Carl Dondorfer supervises this division comprised of 23 Deputy Sheriffs who provide proactive police services and response to approximately 88 square miles with an average population of approximately 55,000 residents.

The dedicated men and women within this division work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year responding to the needs of people in the community by investigating crime, responding to emergencies, patrolling, investigating accidents, providing search and rescue and maintaining the peace, while serving the public needs in a caring, courteous and professional manner to ensure the highest quality of life for all people.

Patrol Supervision



Lt. Todd MenMuir
Shift Commander



Lt. Jeff Sherwood
Shift Commander



Lt. Mike Reed
Shift Commander



Sgt. Donald Durst
Shift Supervisor



Sgt. Larry Harpster
Shift Supervisor



Sgt. Pat Paterson
Shift Supervisor

2013 Road Patrol Annual Report Summary

The Road Patrol Division maintained public safety for well over 50,000 residents in Painesville Township, Perry Township, Concord Township, and Leroy Township. These Townships cover 88 square miles. The Lake County Sheriff Office is the primary police services agency for these Townships and prides itself on professional public service.

The Road Patrol and Court Services Division handled 36,739 events in 2013. The Road Patrol handled 34,095 events within the Townships of Lake County. Of these 34,095 events, 13,169 were in Concord Twp., 16,023 were in Painesville Twp., 3,662 were in Perry Twp. and 1,241 were in Leroy Twp. The remaining 2,644 events originated outside of the Townships and involved warrant and court paper service in Lake County and adjacent Counties. These events, in part, consisted of Part I, Part II Crimes, and Part III Incidents / Miscellaneous complaints within the Townships of Lake County. These types of events included:

PART I	PART II	PART III
Criminal	Forgery	Motor vehicle Accidents
Homicide	Fraud	Other Accidents
Forcible Rape	Embezzlement	Railroad Accidents
Robbery	Stolen Property	Public Accidents
Assault	Vandalism	Home Accidents
Burglary	Weapons	Occupational Accidents
Larceny	Prostitution	Firearm Accidents
Motor Vehicle	Sex Offenses	Animal Bites
Theft	Drug Abuse	Suicide
Arson	Liquor Laws	Attempted Suicide
	Driving Under the Influence	Sudden Death
	Disorderly Conduct	Personnel
	Vagrancy	Reports
	All Other Offenses	Lost
		Found

In 2013, the Road Patrol Division investigated the following in each of the (4) Townships.

	PART I	PART II	PART III
PAINESVILLE	349	345	15,329
CONCORD	136	183	12,850
PERRY	80	73	3,509
LEROY	24	17	1,200
TOTAL	589	618	32,888

NOTE: The Part III misc. events for 2013 in each township are much larger than in 2012. This is due to a new Records Management System procedure which allowed for better tracking of various police services which were not crime related. All of these recorded events assist in identifying

problematic areas in each Township, and determining crime specific data for analysis in an effort to implement plans to mitigate certain types of criminal activity. In using the locations and number of recorded events, zones and staffing levels were adjusted to provide effective law enforcement services to the Townships.

In 2013 the Road Patrol maintained traffic enforcement for hundreds of miles of roadway inside 88 square miles of patrol zones within four (4) Townships. In 2013 there were 444 damage accidents investigated by the Patrol Division, compared to 395 in 2012. In 2013 there were 130 motor vehicle accidents which involved injuries as compared to 131 in 2012. The Patrol Division handled 3 fatal motor vehicle crashes in 2013 compared to 0 in 2012.



The Road Patrol Division has a complete summary of traffic related events for 2013. This summary was completed so that deputies could be placed in areas where a higher number of accidents occur during the day, and the time those accidents occur. In this summary, the top five (5) motor vehicle accident (MVA) areas were identified.

Listed below are the top five (5) most dangerous intersections within Lake County Sheriff's Office Patrol Area, for motor vehicle accidents.

INTERSECTIONS

- (1) Interstate 90 / State Rt. 44 Concord Twp.....68 Crashes
- (2) Interstate 90 / Vrooman Rd. Leroy Twp..... 42 Crashes
- (3) State Rt. 84 / State Rt. 44 Concord Twp.....33 Crashes
- (4) State Rt. 2 / State Rt. 44 Painesville Twp....29 Crashes
- (5) State Rt. 44 / Auburn Rd. Concord Twp.....19 Crashes

As a result of this study, patrol deputies will conduct proactive traffic enforcement initiatives in these areas in an effort to reduce the number of accidents at these intersections / locations. In 2013, the LCSO applied for and was awarded a grant administered through the Ohio Dept. of Public Safety. The grant, High Visibility Enforcement Overtime (HVEO) provides funding for overtime enforcement for the specific violations of OVI, Speed, Seat Belts and Distracted Driving. The enforcement efforts are targeted to reduce the amount of serious motor vehicle accidents involving injury and or death within specific areas of the townships of Lake County. This grant funding will involve specific blitz details targeted around holidays and special events throughout the year, 2014.

The Road Patrol also completed a summary of the total number of Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated (OVI) arrests within the Townships. This summary includes day, time, and locations of the arrests. This information will be used to adjust manpower within patrol zones to target traffic offenders. This year there were 50 operating vehicles while intoxicated arrests, in 2013 there were a total of 24 motor vehicle accidents investigated by the Patrol Division which involved a driver operating a vehicle while intoxicated in comparison there were 26 OVI arrests in 2012 and 15 involved motor vehicle crashes. OVI arrests were more prevalent on the weekends in 2013 as in 2012.



The Lake County Sheriff's Office also maintains one of the best equipped Swat Teams in the State of Ohio. The SWAT Team is a Tri-County SWAT Team which provides critical incident response not only to Lake County but also the adjacent counties of Geauga and Ashtabula. The SWAT Team is the primary first responder to any critical incident or major event at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The SWAT team also assists local law enforcement agencies with the service of high risk arrest and search warrants. These missions were critical to eliminating crack houses and clandestine methamphetamine labs in our patrol areas and other areas within the Tri-County area. Captain Ronald Walters commands the team, comprised of Lake County Deputies, Painesville City Police Officers, and Geauga and Ashtabula County Deputies for a total of 29 tactical team members. The SWAT Team was activated three (3) times in 2013 compared to fourteen (14) activations in 2012; all three (3) activations were drug related high risk search warrant services.



In 2013, the Road Patrol completed a report of population forecast for the four (4) townships inside patrol zones, where the Lake County Sheriff's Office is the primary law enforcement agency for services. The United States Census Bureau reported the population inside PERRY, PAINESVILLE, CONCORD, and LEROY TOWNSHIPS at 56,282. In 2013, subdivision activity was minimal in the Townships and slow growth is anticipated for 2014 as well. For 2013 there are no new residential developments or subdivision plans submitted to the Lake County Planning Commission. According to numbers provided by the Lake County Office of Planning and Community Development, 2013 numbers for growth mirror those from 2012 with extremely minimal change from the previous year.

As of 2011, a National Average of 1.5 full-time law enforcement officers, for every 1,000 inhabitants, was employed by law enforcement agencies within the Midwest, with a population of 50,000 to 99,999. This statistic was obtained from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports. Deputy cost analysis using top rate salary to include benefits is \$94,163.28, which was obtained through the Human Resources Dept. The current manpower status for the Lake County Sheriff's Office is 23 full time Road Patrol Deputies to include supervisors and school resource officers. The national average for this population would be 84 officers.

The 2013 Demographic Census has not been released at the time of this report however when the number become available they will be correlated into this report. The population density analysis will also be updated as well. (Reference summary of Township population and LCSO manpower).

In 2013, the Road Patrol Division continued to receive funding support from Painesville, and Concord Townships. This assistance in funding provided for routine patrols and proactive policing initiatives in these townships. The funding for patrol was needed as there had been a reduction in manpower within the Patrol Division due to the decline in the economy and the financial hardship that Lake County sustained over the past several years. The assistance from these Townships has provided for increased law enforcement presence, proactive policing initiatives, patrol cruisers and essential equipment needed to provide quality law enforcement services to the residents in these communities.

The County has continued to fund deputies within the Patrol Division for response to emergency calls for service within the Townships. These county funded deputies provide effective law enforcement services and respond to priority emergency calls for assistance in all the Townships within Lake County. In an effort to maintain a productive level of law enforcement services for the Townships, additional measures had to be implemented within the Road Patrol Division due to the reduction in manpower and our need to service the residents who reside in the townships.

In February of 2012, a self-reporting format was implemented at the Sheriff's Office called the GIR (General Incident Report). This self-reporting has continued through 2013 and has been a beneficial reporting option when a deputy is unavailable to personally handle a report as he or she may be committed to a call for service and or investigation. In instances where a non-emergency call for service was received and deputies were unavailable to respond due to deputies currently on assignment, residents within the townships were given the option of responding to the Sheriff's Office to self-report incidents, completing the GIR at the department. This reporting format helped to facilitate timely follow up investigations after reports were reviewed by supervisors and directed to the Detective Bureau in cases where the complaint was a crime and required additional investigation. Supervisors were able to screen GIR complaints upon completion without allocating deputies who were unavailable which in the past would result in calls for service holding. Supervisors have also been able to follow up on minor GIR complaints in a timely fashion and assign labor extensive cases to the detectives.

The Trustee's of Concord Township and Painesville Township recognized the need for increased patrols inside Township neighborhoods. The cost of creating a Police Department for a Township is estimated at 2.5 to 3.5 million dollars per year. The Trustee's decided that passing a levy and entering into a contract with a well-established Police Agency would be more cost effective for their residents. This would allow for significant savings to taxpayers as Townships continue to grow and the needs for additional Police Protection increases. The levy's passed in Painesville Township and Concord Township will be up for renewal in this year, 2014.

Special Mention needs to be placed with the dedicated members of the Lake County Sheriff's Office Road Patrol, and Special Deputies. The men and women that work 24 hours a day (7) days a week. They serve and respond to the public needs in a caring, courteous, and professional manner to ensure the highest quality of life for all people. These men and women investigate crimes that can create stresses beyond average citizen's belief. They continue to maintain very professional standing with Lake County residents, and have maintained working relationships with State, Federal, and local police agencies. This positive, professional conduct starts at the top of the Lake County Sheriff's

Office and continues to the newest member of the Road Patrol. The Sheriff's Office maintains a standard of professional public service.

The Sheriff along with Administrators at the Riverside School District and Auburn Career Center agreed to share in the cost of School Resource Officers. The schools pay \$120,986.00 toward (2) Deputies one (1) assigned to Auburn Career Center and the other one (1) assigned to Riverside High School. These Deputies provide security with an emphasis on school safety within these schools. Deputy Bob Izzo (Riverside High School), and Deputy Edward Pecka (Auburn Career Center) do a great job of making our learning environments safe and building a positive rapport with the students and school staff.

Sgt. Larry Harpster is the Sheriff's Office School Safety Program Supervisor. Sgt. Harpster is also a member of the Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team. Sgt. Harpster is in charge of House Bill 422 compliance. The purpose of this bill is to provide a level of preparedness against domestic and international terrorist acts where schools are the target. Sgt. Harpster works in tandem with local fire departments and school liaisons to ensure safety measures are in place and are implemented in cases of critical incidents. This process is ongoing and the Sheriff's Office continues to work diligently, employing adopted best practices to deter acts of violence in our schools and to respond to acts of violence within educational institutions in an effective manner.



The Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol along with U.S. Coast Guard and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources provide safe boating, and enforce maritime laws on Lake Erie. The Marine Patrol deploys several days a week and on holidays during the boating season. Safe boating, boating and personal watercraft education, accident investigation, and the enforcement of maritime laws are just some of the responsibilities of the Marine Patrol. This program is funded through a State of Ohio grant.



The Lake County Sheriff's Office in 2007 was placed in charge of a new project The Northern Border Initiative, this project is funded by The Department of Homeland Security. This initiative will provide security along the Lake Erie Shoreline. This initiative in conjunction with US Customs / ICE is designed to interdict and interview subjects boating into the United States. This initiative provides for additional security on the Great Lakes. The Lake County Sheriff's Office was able to secure a new water craft for inland waterways, including the Grand River. This was funded by the Homeland Security Office and will enhance the Lake County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol and Dive Team response capabilities. The Lake County Sheriff's Office Dive Team is available for response for search and rescue, search and recovery and evidence search operations. The dive team is available upon request by any agency within and outside of Lake County.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division strives to maintain excellence in public service. We take pride in the trust our residents have in our agency and will continue to provide quality law enforcement services to the residents of Lake County.

Capt. Carl Dondorfer

Patrol Commander

